

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 19 and 24 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 2, 4-7, 10, 12-15, 18, 20-23 and 25-30 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment amends and cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2, 4-7, 10, 12-15, 18, 20-23 and 25-30 are pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter made in the Office Action with respect to claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21 and 23-30.

Prior Art Rejection of Claims:

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,683,924 to Ottosson et al.; and claims 6, 14 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ottosson et al. Due to the cancellation of claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 17 and 19, and due to the changed dependencies of claims 6, 14 and 22, these rejections are now moot.

Conclusion:

Therefore, since there are no other objection or rejections raised in the Office Action, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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